

and entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

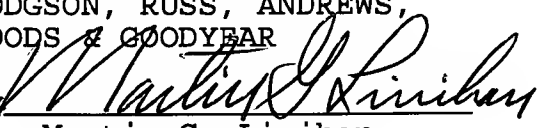
The allowance of claims 23-29 and 31-33 is acknowledged with appreciation. The provisional allowance of claims 2-6, 9-12 and 16-19 also is acknowledged with appreciation, and in this connection claims 2, 9, 12, 16, 18 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 34-39, respectively, with claims 3-6, 8-11 and 17 being dependent upon the appropriate ones of new claims 34-39. A check in the amount of \$444 in payment of the statutory fee for the six new independent claims was included with applicants' previous Amendment, Paper No. 7. If any fee payment is needed for the claims presented in this amendment, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 08-2442. Rejected claims 1, 8 and 20 have been cancelled. Rejected dependent claims 7, 13, 14, 15 and 21 have been amended to be each dependent upon allowed independent claim 34.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

HODGSON, RUSS, ANDREWS,  
WOODS & GOODYEAR

By

  
Martin G. Linihan  
Reg. No. 24,926

1800 One M&T Plaza  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
(716) 856-4000  
March 3, 1994

C